

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. This amendment places the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal and, therefore, is appropriate for entry under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In the Final Office Action, claims 24-26, 50 and 52-59 stand allowed. Claims 30 and 51 stand objected to. Claims 27, 31, 33, 34, 36-40, 42, 45, 46 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent no. 6,493,671 of Ladd et al. ("Ladd") in view of U.S. Patent no. 6,240,448 of Imielinski et al. ("Imielinski").

Applicants have canceled all of the rejected claims (claims 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36-40, 42, 45, 46 and 60 have been canceled in this amendment, and claims 1-23, 28, 29, 32, 35, 41, 43, 44 and 47-49 were previously canceled). In addition, claims 25, 50 and 51 have been amended only to correct minor informalities. Regarding claim 50 (allowed), the terms "originating" and "audio" have been deleted to provide greater clarity, since those terms did not have clear antecedent basis in the claim.

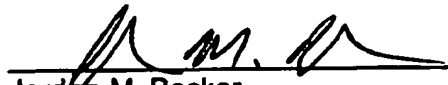
For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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